



# A Report To The Community

From The Board Of Trustees  
of The New Rochelle Public Library

The Library Board of Trustees has scheduled a Library Election/Budget Vote on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. at Board of Education polling places.

The vote will be:

1. To elect one member of the Board of Trustees to serve at large for the following terms:  
July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2022 (5 year term)
2. To adopt an annual budget for the Library for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

	<b>Current Year 2016-2017 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2017-2018 Budget</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries & Benefits	\$3,617,377.00	\$3,902,817.52
Library Materials (books, magazines, audio/visuals)	\$ 205,000.00	\$ 217,000.00
Operating Funds (utilities, insurance, building repairs & maintenance, etc.)	\$1,317,107.00	\$1,291,693.94
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$5,139,484.00</b>	<b>\$5,411,511.46</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Library Revenue (fines, room rental, state aid)	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
Fund Balance	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 0.00
Existing Tax Levy	\$4,815,408.00	\$4,939,483.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$5,015,408.00</b>	<b>\$5,089,483.00</b>
Tax Levy Increase	\$ 124,075.00	\$ 322,028.46
<b>TOTAL BUDGET AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$5,139,483.00</b>	<b>\$5,411,511.46</b>

## SUMMARY

The proposed increase of **6.52%** in the tax levy translates to an increase of **\$332,028.46** to the current levy amount, or an annual increase of **\$20.53 per household for the "average" taxpayer** (estimate furnished by the New Rochelle City Finance Department.) This constitutes less than **one penny of every property dollar tax dollar** paid by New Rochelle property taxpayers.

Areas of growth in the proposed 2017/18 budget relate to contractual salary increases and health care costs, as well as the ongoing need to maintain the infrastructure of our facilities. Due to increased patron activity, the library is proposing the creation of a bilingual paraprofessional position for the Children's Room and an hourly programming assistant for the Teen Room. The increase also includes the additional funds devoted to the purchase of library materials and library technological resources, as well as enhancements to physical plant cleaning and maintenance. These increases relate to our long range plan and specifically acknowledge patrons' input derived from over 2,300 survey responses and focus group opinions.



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## New Rochelle Public Library Highlights of 2016

- 1,088 cultural programs were conducted at the Main Library and at Huguenot Children's Library, attended by 24,800 people
- 1,266 children made class visits to the library
- Our computers were used in 92,318 sessions
- 408 English as a Second Language (ESL) classes were conducted by Westchester Community College
- 224 individuals received one-on-one tutoring to gain high school equivalency diplomas and 230 individuals were assisted by our job readiness coach
- Over 1,000 tax returns were prepared (at no charge) by trained AARP volunteers

### According to the 2015 New York Comparative Attendance Statistics

The following statistics illustrates the extraordinary activity of your library:

- Patron visits are the highest in Westchester County
- Number of library cardholders is the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in Westchester County
- Hours open are 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in Westchester County
- Reference questions answered are 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in Westchester County
- Number of programs offered is 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in Westchester County
- Public Internet terminal sessions are 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the County
- Public wireless sessions are 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in the County

Despite our success, our tax support is modest:

- Local public support per capita is 9<sup>th</sup> lowest in Westchester County
- Local public support for library materials per capita is 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest in Westchester County
- Number of library paid staff per each 2,000 of population served is the lowest in Westchester County